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FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4779
INFO AMCONSUL ALEXANDRIA
AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS
AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EINV, ETRD, BTRA, EG, US
SUBJECT: ARAB BOYCOTT MEETING AND COCA COLA REP TRAVEL PLANS

REF: STATE 102171

1. OUR LAST INFO ON STATUS COCA COLA PROJECT WAS REPORTED CAIRO 6377. AYOUB HAD TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT HE EXPECTED TO RETURN TO EGYPT LATE MAY WITH LETTERS REQUESTED BY EGYPTIAN BOYCOTT OFFICE (EBO). WE HAD NOT HEARD THAT EGO HAS ASKED FIVE U.S. COMPANIES NOW ON BOYCOTT LIST TO PROVIDE INFO, WHICH IT CAN USE TO PERSUADE OTHER PARTICIPANTS AT UPCOMING BOYCOTT COMMITTEE MEETING TO "DE-LIST" COMPANIES. XEROX REPS, WHO CALLED ON AMBASSADOR MAY 4 (CAIRO 7597) MADE NO MENTION OF ANY SUCH REQUEST. NOR HAS LOCAL FORD REP INDICATED ANY SUCH REQUEST. HOWEVER, IT IS NOT IMPROBABLE THAT EOB WANTS SUCH INFORMATION.

2. AMBASSADOR WILL BE PLEASED MEET WITH AYOUB. ALTHOUGH MAY 30 IS HOLIDAY, WE HAVE TENTATIVELY FIXED MEETING FOR 1000 THAT MORNING. SUGGEST AYOUB CALL
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AMBASSADOR'S OFFICE UPON ARRIVAL TO CONFIRM MEETING.

3. AMBASSADOR WILL ALSO SEEK ARRANGE MEETING FOR AYOUB WITH FAHMY FOR MAY 30 OR 31. AYOUB IS CORRECT THAT FAHMY REMAINS TEPID ON COKE PROJECT, PRIMARILY ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE PROPOSED SIX HUNDRED ACRE CITRUS PROJECT IS TOO SMALL AND DOES NOT REPRESENT A

SUFFICIENTLY SUBSTANTIAL COKE INVESTMENT TO ENABLE GOE
TAKE POLITICAL RISK OF ALLOWING COKE TO OPERATE OR
FIGHTING FOR ITS REMOVAL FROM BOYCOTT LIST. AYOUB
MAY BE ABLE TO PERSUADE FAHMY. FAHMY NOT LIKELY BE OF MUCH
HELP GETTING COKE OFF BOYCOTT LIST, BUT IT IS IMPORTANT KEEP
HIM FROM BLOCKING GOE APPROVAL FOR PROJECT.

4. OUR LATEST INFO IS THAT ARAB BOYCOTT COMMISSION
MEETING INITIALLY SCHEDULED FOR MAY 7 HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED
FOR JUNE 8. ALTHOUGH ARAB LEAGUE WOULD LIKE TO RESCHEDULE
IT IN ALEXANDRIA, OUR SOURCES INDICATE
IT IS NOT YET CERTAIN WHETHER VENUE WILL BE CAIRO OR
ALEXANDRIA. AVAILABILITY OF HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS IN
EARLY JUNE WILL BE MAJOR FACTOR IN DETERMINING
VENUE.
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